

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-58 (Canceled).

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): A refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces, ~~each of said coverpieces covering, in full or in part, only one side or only two adjacent sides of the panel,~~ at least one of said coverpieces being a cornerpiece positioned to cover only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, at least one of said coverpieces including portions configured to assemble said shelf in a refrigerator chassis in a substantially horizontal configuration; and

~~said shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration.~~

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces comprises plastic.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein a plurality of coverpieces are cornerpieces each covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein the plurality of coverpieces comprises at least one coverpiece covering, in full or in part, just one side of the panel.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein the plurality of coverpieces has a length and shape such that the plurality of coverpieces covers an entire periphery of the panel.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces.

Claim 67 (Canceled).

Claim 68 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one stiffening fin or is configured to receive the at least one stiffening fin.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one rim configured to prevent liquids from running off or is configured to receive the at least one rim.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): A shelf according to claim 59, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one buffer strip or is configured to receive the at least one buffer strip.

Claim 71 (Canceled).

Claim 72 (Currently Amended): A refrigerator shelf comprising:
at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of cornerpieces, each of said cornerpieces being positioned to cover only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel and covering, ~~in full or in part~~ only two adjacent sides of the panel, at least one of said cornerpieces including portions configured to assemble said shelf in a refrigerator chassis in a substantially horizontal configuration; and

~~said shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration,~~
wherein the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel when assembled.

Claim 73 (Currently Amended): A refrigerator shelf comprising:
at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces, ~~each of said coverpieces covering in full or in part, only one side or only two adjacent sides of the panel,~~ at least one of said coverpieces being a cornerpiece positioned to cover only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, at least one of said coverpieces including portions configured to assemble said shelf in a refrigerator chassis in a substantially horizontal configuration; and

~~said shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration,~~

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces.

Claim 74 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a refrigerator shelf, comprising the steps of:

providing a support panel having a plurality of corners;

providing a plurality of coverpieces ~~configured to cover, in full or in part, only one side or only two adjacent sides of the panel,~~ at least one of said coverpieces being a cornerpiece configured to cover only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel, at least one of said coverpieces including portions configured to assemble said shelf in a refrigerator chassis in a substantially horizontal configuration and ~~said shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration;~~ and

assembling the plurality of coverpieces onto the support panel.

Claims 75-77 (Canceled).